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In the Claims:

Claims 1-4, 11 and 19 are amended herein. New claims 32-34 are added.

(currently amended) A method for certifying at least a portion of structural components of an interior of a structure relative to moisture content, comprising the steps of:

measuring moisture <u>content</u> levels within <u>structural</u>

<u>components of</u> said portion of the interior of the structure; and

providing a certificate of moisture <u>content</u> level

measurements.

- 2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising determining if said moisture content level is within a desired level.
- 3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein if the result of said determining step is that said moisture content level is not below the desired level, issuing a moisture level non-compliance certificate.
- 4. (currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein if the result of said determining step is that said moisture content level is below the desired level, issuing a moisture level compliance certificate.

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- 5. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said structure is a new construction.
- 6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said structure is a remodel construction.
- 7. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said structure is an existing structure in absence of significant new construction or remodel construction.
- 8. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said structure is a residential structure.
- 9. (original) The method according to claim 6, wherein said structure is a single family residential structure.
- 10. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said desired level is 20% or lower.
- (currently amended) A building moisture certification system, comprising:

moisture measurement apparatus for determining moisture content level within <u>structural components of</u> a portion of a building to be certified; and

a moisture content level measurement certificate that is issued certifying the moisture content level determination.

12. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said moisture level measurement certificate comprises a Page 4—RESPONSE (U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. 10/621,860) [\\Files\Files\Correspondence\August 2005\w333rtoa081005.doc]

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compliance certificate that is issued based on moisture content level determination meeting a selected criterion.

- 13. (original) The system according to claim 12, wherein said criterion comprises moisture level being below 20% or lower.
- 14. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is a remodel construction.
- 15. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is a residential structure.
- 16. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is a single family residential structure.
- 17. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is an existing structure in absence of significant new construction or remodel construction.
- 18. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is a new construction.
- 19. (currently amended) A method for certifying an interior portion of a structure relative to moisture content, comprising the steps of:

measuring moisture content levels within structural components of said portion of the interior of the structure;

determining if said moisture content level is below a

desired level; and

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if the result of said determining step is that said moisture content is below the desired level, providing a certificate of moisture content level compliance, but if the result of said determining step is that said moisture content is not below the desired level, issuing a moisture content level non-compliance certificate.

- 20. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said structure is an existing structure in absence of significant new construction or remodel construction.
- 21. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said building is a residential structure.
- 22. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said building is a single family residential structure.
- 23. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said structure is a new construction.
- 24. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said structure is a remodel construction.
- 25. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said desired level is 20% or lower.
- 26. (original) The method according to claim 19, wherein said building is an office.

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- 27. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said building is an office.
- 28. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said building is an office.
- 29. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said desired level is 18% or lower.
- 30. (original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said desired level is 18% or lower.
- 31. (original) The system according to claim 19, wherein said desired level is 18% or lower.
- 32. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein said moisture content level determination measurements are taken at locations selected from the group consisting of:

window frames, door frames, electrical outlets, locations where a vapor barrier has been cut, at a floor location, at a floor board, at a baseboard, at a walls and at a ceiling.

33. (new) The system according to claim 11, wherein said structural components are selected from the group consisting of:

a window frame, a door frame, an electrical outlet, at a location where a vapor barrier has been cut, at a floor location, at a floor board, at a baseboard, at a wall and at a ceiling.

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34. (new) The method according to claim 19, wherein said moisture content level determination measurements are taken at locations in structural components selected from the group consisting of:

a window frame, a door frame, an electrical outlet, at a location where a vapor barrier has been cut, at a floor location, at a floor board, at a baseboard, at a wall and at a ceiling.